Variety Cruises

TAHITI & ISLANDS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA

2027

- All year round aboard the 25-cabin M/S Panorama II
- 7-night cruises in the Society Islands

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AT A GLANCE

Embark on an extraordinary voyage with Variety Cruises and immerse yourself in the splendor of French Polynesia's exquisite islands. Tahiti and Bora Bora stand as epitomes of paradise, boasting pristine beaches and an atmosphere steeped in romance. These idyllic havens offer the perfect setting for intimate moments, with their verdant landscapes and enchanting lagoons that inspire hand-in-hand strolls. Meanwhile, the heart-shaped sanctuary of Mo'orea beckons adventurers, serving as a captivating gateway to explore its vibrant barrier reef. And on the sacred shores of Huahine, partake in a profound local tradition by feeding the majestic eels—an experience that encapsulates the essence of Polynesian culture. Join us on this unparalleled journey, where memories forged will be cherished for a lifetime.

Highlights include:

Bora Bora - Moorea - Huahine - Taha'a - Raiatea

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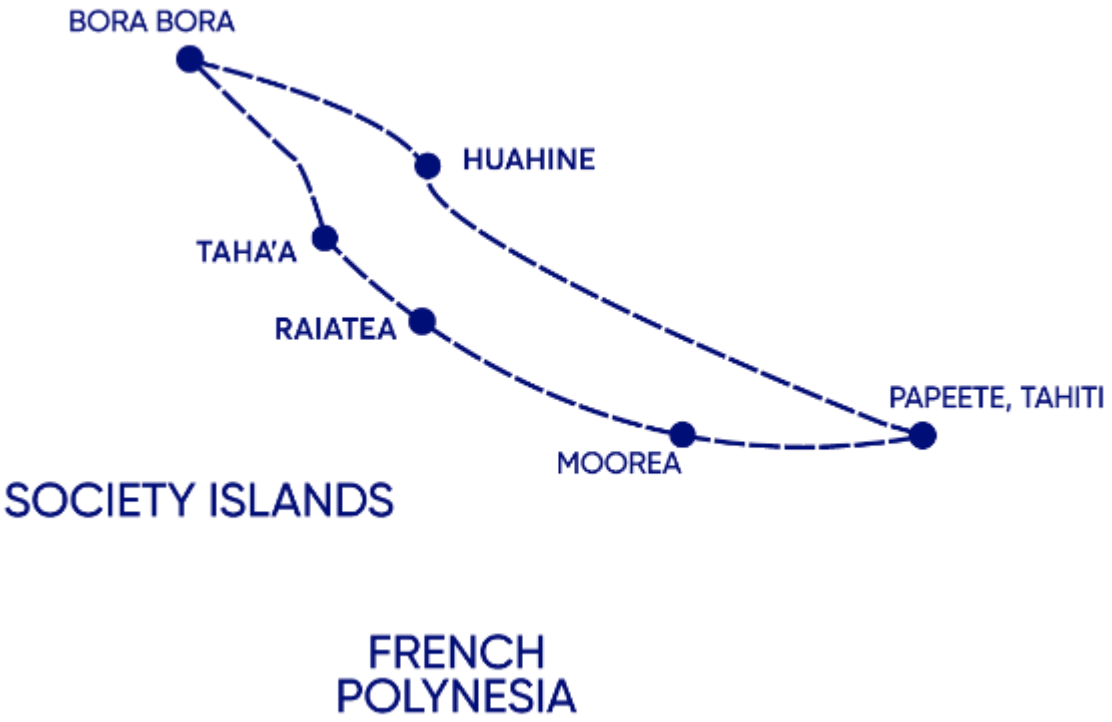

DAY 1 - PAPEETE, TAHITI

Your adventure begins at the picturesque Papeete port, Society Islands, where you'll board the sleek beauty M/Y Panorama II. Boarding Time : 3pm

As you step on board, immerse yourself in a world of ambience and hospitality with a gracious welcome, a refreshing drink, and a delectable Welcome Dinner that sets the perfect tone for your journey ahead. As twilight descends, we'll bid farewell to Papeete and set sail for the enchanting island of Moorea. Overnight

DAY 2 - MOOREA

As we lay at anchor in Moorea, you will enjoy swimming, snorkeling and watersports from our swimming platform in her beautiful sapphire waters! A delicious lunch will boost your energy for your afternoon exploration of the island!

Join us on an enchanting 3.5-hour island tour where your knowledgeable guide will regale you with captivating tales of Moorea's rich history, vibrant culture, and diverse ecology. Traverse through the lush Opunohu Valley, ascend the slopes of Mt. Tohi'e'a, and meander past the picturesque Cook's and Opunohu Bays. Along the way, indulge in a stop at the Moorea Fruit Juice Factory, where you can savor refreshing juices and liqueurs, crafted from locally sourced fruits, like star fruit, ginger, papaya, mango, coconut, and pineapple. (optional)

After this delightful tour, relish in some free time to explore Moorea at your leisure before we set sail for our next destination, Raiatea island. Departure after dinner to Raiatea

DAY 3 - RAIATEA

Early in the morning we sail across the lagoon to reach nearby Raiatea, which translates to “faraway heaven” and “sky with soft light”. Originally known as Havai’i, Raiatea is considered the homeland of the ancient Polynesians. We will have a variety of optional activities to choose from, such as: Faaroa River and Motu beach break or visit the Anapa family Pearl farm*. Overnight in port. (docked or on anchor at times)

DAY 4 – TAHA’A

Noon arrival in Taha'a, which shares a magnificent lagoon with Raiatea Island. As we lay at anchor in Taha’a, you will enjoy swimming, snorkeling and watersports from our swimming platform in her beautiful sapphire waters! The fertile island is covered with banana, watermelon and coconut groves. The island also acts as a vast natural greenhouse for the treasured Tahitian vanilla orchid. Optional visit of the island with a vanilla plantation , a rum distillery while enjoying some snorkeling. Or take a 4X4 safari tour around. Late night departure to Bora Bora. Overnight at sea.

DAY 5 – BORA BORA

Without a doubt, Bora Bora reigns supreme as the crown jewel of the South Pacific, holding the spotlight as French Polynesia's undisputed star.
Today, we've arranged for you to experience the essence of Bora Bora with a unique excursion aboard Le Truck, a vibrant journey lasting approximately 2.5 hours (optional). Climb aboard this colorful chariot as it guides you through Bora Bora's landscapes, passing coconut groves and quaint villages nestled along the shoreline. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Tahitian history, traditions, and cultures as your knowledgeable guide narrates the 22-mile road encircling this legendary island. Explore the villages of Farepiti, Faanui, and Anau, each adorned with ancient "Marae" shrouded in mystery. And as your adventure unfolds, be captivated by the breathtaking vistas from Matira Point, a vantage point offering unparalleled panoramas of paradise. Overnight in port.

DAY 6 BORA BORA

One mere day in Bora Bora simply doesn't suffice! Whether you choose to explore at your own pace or join us on one of our meticulously crafted optional Shore Excursions, seize the opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime. Late night departure to Huahine.

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DAY 7 – HUAHINE

Huahine, once home to Tahitian royalty, is considered the cradle of Polynesian culture. The two islands maintain the largest concentration of ancient marae (temples) in French Polynesia, some of which are believed to date back to around 700 AD. Huahine is a colossal tropical jungle burgeoning with coconut plantations, vanilla orchids, banana groves, breadfruit trees and watermelon fields. Our optional half-day tour takes us around the island to visit the small villages of Maeva, an archaeological site, and a vanilla plantation, or visit a private motu for a picnic and snorkeling experience. Departure after lunch to Papeete. Overnight at sea.

DAY 8 – PAPEETE, TAHITI

As the morning sun graces Papeete Port, we find ourselves at the end of our voyage. We invite you to join us for the final breakfast on board at 9AM before disembarkation.
Our dedicated Concierge stands ready to assist with any final arrangements, ensuring your journey concludes seamlessly.

Variety Cruises' itineraries are contingent upon weather and sea conditions as well as local port authorities. In cases where wind speeds reach 6/7 Beaufort or high swells occur, itinerary changes may be necessary. It is upon Captain's discretion to alter the itinerary or skip port calls due to adverse weather or sea conditions to ensure the safety and comfort of passengers and crew. Such changes do not entitle passengers to any kind of refunds. Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers will be disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.

Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.

FRENCH POLYNESIA ALL YEAR ROUND CRUISES

7-NIGHTS/8-DAYS DEPARTURES

2027 SAILING DATES

	Value Season	High Season
From Papeete, Tahiti **Friday Sailings**	**May** 14 **Jul** 02, 30 **Aug** 06 **Sep** 24 **Dec** 10	**Oct** 22 **Nov** 19

YOUR SMALL SHIP

M/S PANORAMA II
Motor Sailer

GENERAL INFORMATION
Length: 50 m
Launched: 2004 | Renovated: 2015
Cabins: 25
Capacity: 49 passengers
Crew: 16-18

The two-mast M/S Panorama II, launched in 2004, carries just 49 passengers and offers high standard accommodation, comfort and safety. This state of the art Motorsailer has performed several Atlantic Ocean crossings, from the Seychelles to Monte Carlo and from the Black Sea to Tunis. The public areas include a main bar and lounge, which was renovated in 2015 to feature wood flooring and new furniture with soft fabrics in warm coral tones. Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members.

YOUR BOAT

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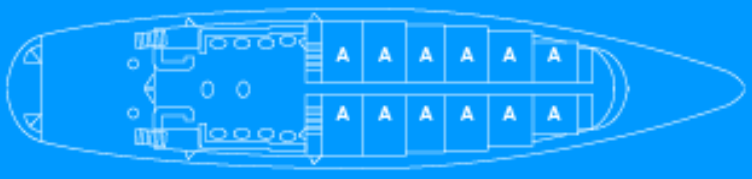
360°
SUN DECK

RIVIERA
MAIN DECK



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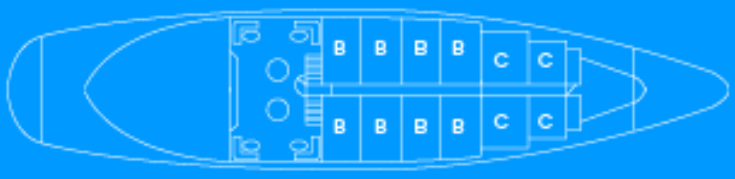
LOWER DECK



The Panorama II is a 164 ft Motor Sailer which complies with the latest SOLAS regulations for International Voyages. Her state of the art twin masts with 600 m³ of sails allow safe and comfortable sailing.

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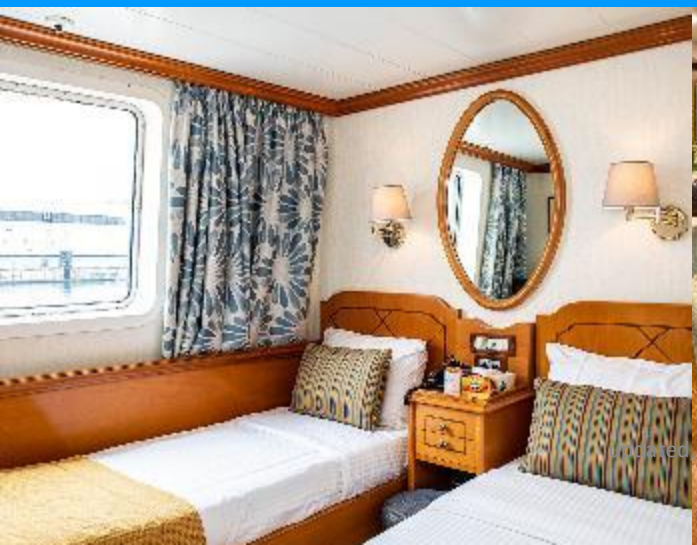
CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

The M/S Panorama II outside cabins are located at the Upper, Main and Lower decks and are handsomely designed, finished with lustrous wood trims and warm fabrics. They all have marble-appointed en suite bathrooms with showers and are equipped with windows (Upper & Main deck cabins) and portholes (Lower deck cabins). All cabins have individually controlled A/C and fitted with Flat screen TV, telephone (for internal use), hairdryers, mini-fridge, central music, public address system and safe deposit boxes. 4 Main Deck cabins are convertible into 2 suites. 4 Lower deck cabins can be offered as Triple cabins.

LIFE ON BOARD

During the day life on board centers around the indoor Lounge area and the indoor dining room, as well as the open and inviting deck areas, natural gathering places, perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, settling into a chair with a good book, or gather with your fellow passengers and enjoy the views of the places you visit. The swim platform on PANORAMA II's stern enables you to swim off the yacht when weather and anchorage conditions permit.



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Main deck lounge
The main lounge with comfortable sofas has a full-service bar and a flat-screen TV screen and is the hub of social activities such as the daily briefings on the destinations visited and other gatherings. This area is ideal for enjoying the company of your fellow travelers or simply for reading a good book from the library. The area was beautifully renovated in 2015 to feature wood flooring and new furniture and comfortable sofas with soft fabrics in warm coral tones.

Indoor and Outdoor dining room
Located on the Lower deck, the indoor dining room seat all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and offer generous buffet space. The aft area at the Upper Deck provides generous semi-covered area where guests can enjoy their meals al fresco in a single, unassigned seating, with wonderful views, weather permitting. Food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffets, also including an “a la minute cooking” section. The menu is international, with a focus on local specialties.

Sun deck
The bow area at the Upper deck provides generous space and comfortable sun loungers are available to sunbathe in total comfort.

360 Virtual Tour: https://my.thevivestia.com/tour/panorama-ii-variety

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